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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 395 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of \$36 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$496 for a Small Entity

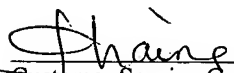
- \$395 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$36
  - \$36 for 4 total claims over 20.

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PATENT APPLICATION

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (copy attached) mailed October 12, 2004, submitted herewith is an executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney. Applicant is entitled to small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27. A check in the amount of \$496.00 is enclosed for the surcharge and filing fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any extensions of time and to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

Entry of these documents should complete all of the filing formalities and fully satisfy all requirements of the Notice to File Missing Parts. Accordingly, examination and allowance of this application in due course are respectfully solicited.

Application No. 10/797,481

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

Respectfully submitted,



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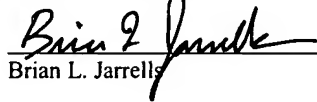
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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